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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

In our meeting on November 11 we discussed three matters about which I was to send you some material.

I enclose the Madansky Report. Its essence is a recommendation that an experimental program in medical education be set up in which the first two years of medical school be expanded to a four year baccalaureate program. The plan was not tried here at Hopkins, but has been adopted at City College of New York. There, two features were added: emphasis on minority-group education and cooperative arrangements with other New York City Schools.

I also enclose a historical treatment of the relationships of medical education and the development of Universities in the United States. I'm afraid this is Whigish, presenting history as leading to a Madansky-like solution to medical education, but I think it does contain useful information.

Third, I include a prospectus for a new program at Hopkins sponsored by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the School of Hygiene. It offers a five-year undergraduate program in Public Health resulting in the M.P.H. I believe this program provides a substantive career in medicine alternative to the M.D. for those who wish to go on to D.P.H., and a more coherent premedical program than many extant. I think that education in Public Health, moreover, may be done more effectively in college than in medical school. The program as outlined is not as we first recommended in details. We had proposed many new courses expressly designed for the program, viz., a biologically oriented organic chemistry course and courses in History, English and the Behavioral

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Sciences slanted toward Public Health. Since it has been necessary to get it going with as little expense as possible, the program, as now planned, will use courses already offered at the School of Hygiene or the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

I am disappointed I was unable to reach Len Herzenberg during my visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leon Weiss".

Leon Weiss, M.D.

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